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1. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Chinese Communist Government, SHEN Chun-ju (沈钧儒), a member of the China Democratic League, is living in virtual isolation in Peiping. Police question each visitor at his door, asking the nature of his business and requiring him to give information about himself.
2. SHEN has tried to resign but is not allowed to. He fears that he is being kept to conduct a purge of Communist Government officials, many of whom will be members of of the China Democratic League and other non-Communist groups.
3. Peiping political circles criticize MAO Tse-tung's Sino-Soviet alliance, as it does not assist China in her economic difficulties.
4. MAO is also criticized for showing partiality toward persons from his own province. For example, CHEN Chien, a Hunanese, is in power because of MAO's influence.

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